

## **Biography: Marilyn Vasques, TC4 Project Manager**

Marilyn Vasques is the Project Manager for the TC4 (Tropical Composition, Cloud and Climate Coupling) mission. She works for NASA in the Earth Science Project Office at the Ames Research Center in California.

Mrs. Vasques received a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of California, Davis in 1983. She also holds a Master's Degree in Projects and Systems Management from Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

In her role as Project Manager, she conducted the site visits Costa Rica and Panama to select the appropriate site for the mission objectives and oversees the preparation of these sites. She works with U.S. Embassy personnel and leaders of educational, science and airport operations groups in Costa Rica and Panama, as well as NASA Headquarters and the scientific investigators. She leads the overall planning, facilities preparation, and logistics preparation for this mission. She has played similar supporting roles in two previous Earth Science missions in Africa and the Eastern Pacific.

Prior to joining the Earth Science Project Office in 2006, she was a member of the Life Sciences Division at Ames for 22 years, supporting life science research experiments that took place on the Space Shuttle or on Russian biosatellites. She has played a variety of roles as project manager, project scientist, science department manager, assistant branch chief, and logistics manager in 21 Space Shuttle Missions and three Russian satellite missions, and has 44 publications. She has received numerous awards over the course of her career at NASA, including the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal, 18 Group Achievement Awards, and 17 Special Act or Service Awards.

